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SPANNING TREE CONFIGURATION NODE, AND SPANNING TREE
CONFIGURATION PROGRAM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2008, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.